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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees ar attached as calculated below: minus highest number Total effective claims after amendment 0.00 \$ \$ 18.00 Х (at least 20) = previously paid for 20 minus highest number Independent claims after amendment 0.00 \$ 86.00 (at least 3) =Х previously paid for If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this \$ 0.00 paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months) \$ 0.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00 Please enter the previously unentered , filed Submission attached Subtotal 0.00 0.00 -\$ If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract Statement filed herewith Applicant claims "small entity" status. \$ 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00 Other: 0.00 TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u>, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A <u>duplicate</u> copy of this sheet is attached.

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